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1. a. Two Soviet border guard details, each with a personnel of 12 to 15 were stationed in the BLEND (M 52/D 05) - BENECKENSTEIN (M 52/D 04) border sector on 23 June 1949. * The troops were from 20 to 24 years of age. The details checked the German police posts in that sector every three days.

b. The Soviet border guard details were alternately relieved by a third border guard detail.

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2. a. Soviet border guard details were stationed in towns of the HESSEN (M 53/D 08) area.
 DEDELEBEN (M 53/D 18): About 50 troops
 VELTHEIM (M 53/D 08): About 35 troops
 RHODEN (M 53/D 08): About 30 troops.

b. The ROHRSHHEIM (M 53/D 18) ration supply issuing point was operated by eight soldiers.

c. Soviet border guard details, each of about 20 troops, which had been stationed in OSTERODE (M 53/D 08) and ROHRSHHEIM had left on about 22 June 1949 and were replaced by German border police.

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e. The Soviet border sector headquarters was located in DEDELEBEN.

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a. The Soviet border guard details are no longer performing border duty but are patrolling the respective border sectors in order to check on the German border police.

b. The personnel of the Soviet border guard details (mostly very young troops, some with tank insignia) have been very often exchanged after early June 1949, allegedly in order to be sent to troop training grounds to participate in exercises held there.

c. The "Guards" badge was observed on officers and NCOs of the border guard details.

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* [] Comment: The border guard details stationed in the ELAND-BENECKENSTEIN border area were possibly furnished by the 21st Ods. Heez. Div.

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** [] Comment: The observations made in the HESSEN area correspond to previous information. []

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[] the border guard details were detached from component units of the 207th Kitzb. Div.

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